

Collaboration Team #7 Objectives:

- 1) *Design an annual education summit and hold quarterly representative council meetings for all state level education organizations.*
- 2) *Support statewide mentoring and induction team's (MITS) annual "Iowa Mentoring and Induction Institute"*

Chairs:**Team Accomplishments October 1, 2005-April 15, 2006**

With the receipt of the federal Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant, it is critical that Iowa align teacher preparation programs from the pre-service level to the first and second years of the profession, including mentoring and induction. This is ideal since the goal of the grant is to build partnerships among higher education institutions and K-12 schools to support a seamless system for new professionals, pre-service through induction. Funds from the TQE grant supported the Iowa Mentoring and Induction Institute and paid for members of the statewide Mentoring and Induction Steering Committee to attend. Here are some highlights of the conference:

Mentoring: A Key to Iowa's Future
3rd annual Iowa Mentoring and Induction Institute
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa
April 10-12, 2006

Overview:

- Mildred Middleton, Educator Emeritus, University of Northern Iowa, and the Iowa Department of Education, in partnership with ISEA and Heartland, continue to sponsor the annual mentoring and induction institute. The partnership is dedicated to creating systems of support to ensure that every beginning teacher succeeds.
- Keynote speakers included Ellen Moir, Executive Director of the New Teacher Center, University of California at Santa Cruz and Judy Jeffrey, Iowa Director of Education. Bruce Wellman facilitated a two-day workshop on *Learning Focused Mentoring: Consulting, Collaborating, and Coaching for Professional Excellence*.
- The Mildred Middleton 2006 Mentor of the Year Award was presented to Charlene Ondracek, Hillside Elementary, WDM, and the 2006 Mentor Program Leader of the Year Award was presented to Tammy Wawro, Cedar Rapids Education Association.

Implementation:

- Statewide Mentoring and Induction Steering Committee representatives from the Department of Education (DE), University of Northern Iowa (UNI), Iowa State Education Association (ISEA), West Des Moines School District, and Heartland AEA will use data from participant feedback surveys to strengthen LEA, AEA, and IHE support and design the 2007 institute.
- The Iowa TQE grant is exploring ways in which it can augment or support the work of the Des Moines Schools TQE Partnership Grant. Staff is meeting with DMPS staff on May 18th and has engaged in other pre-planning meetings with the district's grant director previously. Their plan supports students of minority status entering the teaching profession. The state TQE grant leadership would like to support the efforts of this district's work especially since it is the district identified in our application as Iowa's Enterprise Community.